

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a special meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on December 30, 2014.

Mayor Gover presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Dave Cox, YEA Commissioner Sandra Graven, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Preston Owen, and YEA Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, City Attorney Janett Winter-Black, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gover explained the official meeting in order to discuss PADS organization and their plans. Council would have the opportunity to hear comments on PADS.

Mr. Brent Holmes, attorney, spoke on behalf of PADS and introduced Mr. Paul Rilett. Mr. Rilett, Executive Director of PADS, spoke on behalf of PADS and discussed its statistics, plans for new 24-hour shelter facility, daytime educational programming, workforce development classes and group counseling classes, and higher quality of living with the incrementing of space. Ms. Nancy Cole, President of the PADS Board, spoke on behalf of PADS with examples of successful guest transitions. Ms. Susie Coffman, Secretary of the PADS Board, spoke on behalf of PADS by explaining the new building and conceptual drawing by Bill Standerfer. Mr. Paul Rilett spoke on PADS budget with additional funding required to meet the building expectations. Council had the opportunity to inquire about the budget, fundraising, and other locations. Mrs. Sharon French spoke in opposition to the location of the PADS shelter as proposed. Mr. Rilett stated 96% of the PADS guests were from Mattoon and the new shelter would be open 24 hours. Mr. Brent Holmes addressed the issues of zoning. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions. Council inquired as to the day program and financing of the costs. Mr. Rilett explained the day program and fundraising. Administrator Gill explained the City's requirement for the special use permit. Mayor Gover opened the floor for Council questions or comments with no response. Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public questions. Mr. William McGrath, PADS Board member, expressed his opinion on the comprehensive plan and the appropriate use of the location. Mr. Dave Hendricks spoke in support of PADS as a viable resource for the community. Ms. Coffman inquired whether the Council had other possible locations. Administrator Gill listed several alternate locations without knowing PADS budget. Mr. Josh Smith spoke in support of PADS by stating services it provides to the community. Mr. Ernie Roberts spoke in support of PADS. Mrs. Ashley Simpson spoke in support of PADS with her personal experiences. With no further comments Mayor Gover thanked all in attendance and for their input.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, NAY Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk

